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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

RL 10,050

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

Kaliappan Gopalan, et al.

Title

Steganographic Method For Covert Audio Communications

Express Mail Label No.

EU084713136US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

## ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) [Total Pages **15**]  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) [Total Sheets **3**]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **2**]  
a. ☒ Newly Executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of  
the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as  
being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c. ☐ Statement verifying identical of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application  
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
if foreign priority is claimed
16. ☐ Other:

\*A new statement is required to be entitled to pay small entity fees, except  
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17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101            | 790             | 201            | 395             | Utility filing fee     | \$770    |
| 106            | 330             | 206            | 165             | Design filing fee      | \$0      |
| 107            | 540             | 207            | 270             | Plant filing fee       | \$0      |
| 108            | 790             | 208            | 395             | Reissue filing fee     | \$0      |
| 114            | 150             | 214            | 75              | Provisional filing fee | \$0      |

SUBTOTAL (1)

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

|                       |    |              |   | Fee from<br>below | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|---|-------------------|----------|
|                       |    | Extra Claims |   |                   |          |
| Total Claims          | 12 | -20** =      | 0 | x 18              | = 0      |
| Independent<br>Claims | 2  | -3** =       | 0 | x 84              | = 0      |
| Multiple Dependent    |    |              |   | 0                 | = 0      |

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissue, see below

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description   |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 103            | 22              | 203            | 11              | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 102            | 82              | 202            | 41              | Independent Claims in excess of 3                         |
| 104            | 270             | 204            | 135             | Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3                  |
| 109            | 82              | 209            | 41              | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110            | 22              | 210            | 11              | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description   | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| 105            | 130             | 205            | 65              | Surcharge - late filing fee   |          |
| 127            | 50              | 227            | 25              | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                   |          |
| 139            | 130             | 139            | 130             | Non-English specification   |          |
| 147            | 2,520           | 147            | 2,520           | For filing a request for reexamination                                    |          |
| 112            | 920*            | 112            | 920*            | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                    |          |
| 113            | 1,840*          | 113            | 1,840*          | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                       |          |
| 115            | 110             | 215            | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                    |          |
| 116            | 400             | 216            | 200             | Extension of time within second month                                     |          |
| 117            | 950             | 217            | 475             | Extension of time within third month                                      |          |
| 118            | 1,510           | 218            | 755             | Extension of time within fourth month                                     |          |
| 128            | 2,060           | 228            | 1,030           | Extension of time within fifth month                                      |          |
| 119            | 310             | 219            | 155             | Notice of Appeal  |          |
| 120            | 310             | 220            | 155             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                    |          |
| 121            | 270             | 221            | 135             | Request for oral hearing  |          |
| 138            | 1,510           | 138            | 1,510           | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                             |          |
| 140            | 110             | 240            | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable  |          |
| 141            | 1,320           | 241            | 660             | Petition to revive - unintentional  |          |
| 142            | 1,320           | 242            | 660             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)  |          |
| 143            | 450             | 243            | 225             | Design issue fee  |          |
| 144            | 670             | 244            | 335             | Plant issue fee   |          |
| 122            | 130             | 122            | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner   |          |
| 123            | 50              | 123            | 50              | Petitions related to provisional applications                             |          |
| 126            | 240             | 126            | 240             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.                                |          |
| 581            | 40              | 581            | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per properly (time number of properties) |          |
| 146            | 790             | 246            | 395             | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))               |          |
| 149            | 790             | 249            | 395             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))            |          |

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